

**SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
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TO: Principals

FROM: Katherine Blasik, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent
Research, Evaluation, Assessment & Boundaries

VIA: Dr. Verda Farrow, Area Superintendent
South Central Area

SUBJECT: **2004-05 BROWARD BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT PROJECT**

This memorandum is to provide you with information regarding the 2004-05 implementation of the Broward Benchmark Assessment Project. The Benchmark Assessment Project is an initiative developed through close cooperation between school staff, the area offices, and district departments utilizing the continuous improvement model to evaluate the progress of students towards mastery of the Sunshine State Standards. The primary goal of the project is to provide specific and quantifiable data regarding student strengths and areas of need. Data from the Broward Benchmark Assessment Test (BAT) should enable classroom teachers to modify instruction in order to provide additional support and remediation to students.

A BECON broadcast is available which provides detailed information regarding the Broward Benchmark Assessment Project for school year 2004-05. The broadcast includes a summary of findings from the 2003-04 Benchmark Assessment Test (BAT) administration and a review of the changes and improvements being made this year. This production will air on BECON channel 25 through September 17, 2004 prior to the first administration of the Elementary BAT and again in November prior to the administration of the Secondary BAT for students in grades 6-10. A broadcast schedule is attached. It is recommended that each school record the broadcast so that all teachers/staff will be able to view it in a timely manner.

Additional information about the 2004-05 Benchmark Assessment Project is available on the District Benchmark Assessments page of the Student Assessment & School Performance Department website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentassessment/DistrictBenchmarkAssessments.htm>.

If you have any questions about the Benchmark Assessment Tests or this memorandum, **please call Kimberley Kraft, Director, Student Assessment & School Performance, at (754) 321-4250.**

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Attachment

cc: Area Superintendents
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